



Last Chance for Lunch with Santa at Slayton House!

Saturday, December 1 at 11:30am. Enjoy pizza while watching old-fashioned Christmas cartoons shown on the big screen and photos with Santa for the whole family. Plus, the kids can do their holiday shopping in our special Secret Shop (no adults allowed!). **Tickets are now available online at Brown Paper Tickets [Click here](#)** Tickets may also be purchased at Slayton House during regular operating hours (Monday-Thursday, 9am-9pm and Friday, 9am-5pm).

Learn about Neighborhood Safety

Are you concerned about the recent car break-ins in Columbia and Ellicott City? Wilde Lake Community Resource Officer PFC Bryan Borowski from the Howard County Police Department will attend the December 3 Wilde Lake Village Board meeting at 6:30pm to discuss the police response and how residents can keep their neighborhoods safe. The meeting is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

Columbia Athletic Club Reopens November 30

The Columbia Athletic Club will reopen its doors on Friday, November 30. Come to the AC for member reunion week from November 30 through Friday, December 7, and save the date for an Amazing Celebration on Saturday, January 12. [Click here](#) to see the renovations and improvements. [Click here](#) to see the new schedule.

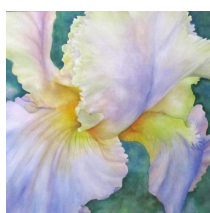


The **2018-2019 Annual Guide to Giving** highlights opportunities that make a difference in our community by the giving of time and talents or through donations of money, food, or gifts during the holiday season and beyond. The guide features volunteer and donation needs of **40+ local nonprofit agencies**. Opportunities range from wrapping presents, delivering meals and holiday visits to donating food, gifts, clothing and gift cards plus a whole lot more. [Click here](#) for a complete list.

Keep your Holiday Deliveries Safe!

If you're ordering holiday gifts online, be sure to protect your packages when they are delivered. This time of year, police receive increased reports of "porch pirates," or thieves who steal packages right off your front doorstep. While this may not be completely preventable, there are some things you can do to reduce your chances of having your delivery end up in the wrong hands.

- Plan to track your shipments and try to be home when they are scheduled to arrive. If you won't be home, ask a trusted neighbor or friend to take the package inside until you get home.
- Request that the delivery service leave the package in a less-obvious location, like a side or back door, that can't be seen from the sidewalk.
- Ask your employer if you can have the shipment delivered to your workplace.
- Consider installing a doorbell camera to be notified whenever someone comes to your door. Pro tip: Even if you don't have a doorbell cam, you can still join a free app called "Neighbors" to see videos posted by camera owners in your neighborhood. HCPD is on there too! Download the FREE doorbell video-sharing app by texting "HCPD" to 555888.



Laurel Art Guild at the Bernice Kish Gallery

Come see the Laurel Art Guild's mixed media exhibit at the Bernice Kish Gallery. The exhibit will be up until December 15. Coming in January: Katherine Farrell, Mary Jo Messenger and Lynda Mitic

Mark Your Calendars!

For more events, visit [our website](#)

- **December 1:** Breakfast and More with Santa. 9am and 11:30am
- **December 3:** WLVB meeting, 6:30pm (agenda posted on 11/30)
- **December 11:** RAC meeting, 7:30pm [Click here for agenda](#)
- **Through December 15:** Laurel Art Guild Exhibit at the Bernice Kish Gallery
- **December 24, 2018 - January 1, 2019:** Slayton House will be closed for the holidays!